



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 732

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DATA USED IN PREPARING THE
ANNUAL PUBLIC INVESTMENT COMMUNITY INDEX.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-545 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) As used in this section and section 7-546:

4 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management;

6 (2) "Municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city or
7 consolidated town and borough;

8 (3) "Per capita income" and "population" for each town means that
9 enumerated in (A) the most recent federal decennial census of
10 population [or that enumerated in the current population report series]
11 issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the
12 Census, or (B) the most recent edition of an annual report that contains
13 similar information and is designated in regulations that the secretary
14 shall adopt in accordance with chapter 54, whichever is more recent
15 and available on January first of the fiscal year three years prior to the
16 fiscal year in which payment is to be made pursuant to this section;

17 (4) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the most

18 recent adjusted equalized net grand list per capita determined for each
19 town pursuant to section 10-261;

20 (5) "Equalized mill rate" means the tax rate derived from the most
21 recent available grand levy of a town divided by the equalized net
22 grand list on which such levy is based as determined by the secretary
23 in accordance with section 10-261a;

24 (6) "Per capita temporary family assistance" means the number
25 obtained by adding together the unduplicated aggregate number of
26 children eligible to receive benefits by town under the temporary
27 family assistance program in October and May of each fiscal year, and
28 dividing by two, such number to be certified and submitted annually,
29 no later than the first day of July of the succeeding fiscal year, to the
30 secretary by the Commissioner of Social Services. Such number shall
31 be expressed as a percentage of the population of a town;

32 (7) "Unemployment rate" means the average unemployment rate of
33 a town as reported by the Labor Commissioner on the first day of July
34 for the latest available twelve-month period;

35 (8) "Eligibility index" is a measure of local burden determined by
36 calculating a town's disparity in relation to all municipalities. Points
37 shall be allocated for each of the following factors: (A) Per capita
38 income, (B) adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, (C) equalized
39 mill rate, (D) per capita temporary family assistance, and (E)
40 unemployment rate. For each factor the variance shall be the difference
41 between the first percentile and the one-hundredth percentile town
42 factors. In calculating the eligibility index for unemployment rate, per
43 capita temporary family assistance and equalized mill rate, the factor
44 for the first percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the
45 town and the result divided by the variance and multiplied by one
46 hundred. In calculating the eligibility index for per capita income and
47 adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, the factor for the first
48 percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the town and
49 the result shall be divided by the variance and multiplied by one

50 hundred. The product of such multiplication shall then be subtracted
51 from one hundred. The index points for all factors shall be [totalled]
52 totaled by town resulting in the overall eligibility index. The eligibility
53 index listing shall be ranked for all towns from highest to lowest points
54 according to need;

55 (9) "Public investment communities" are municipalities requiring
56 financial assistance to offset their service burdens with eligibility
57 defined as one which is in the top quartile of the "eligibility index"
58 scale;

59 (10) "Grand levy" means the mill rate of the town multiplied by the
60 net taxable grand list of the town and includes the value of special
61 service districts if such districts contain fifty per cent or more of the
62 value of total taxable property within the town.

63 (b) On or before July 15, 1994, and annually thereafter, the secretary
64 shall prepare the eligibility index for Connecticut municipalities.

65 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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